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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/806,994, filed May 31, 2001, which is a §371 application of International Application Serial No. PCT/SE99/01699, the entire disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 as follows:

Figure 7a-d shows different embodiments of joints with floor elements 1 which are joined by means of joining profiles 10 via grooves 94 4 in the edges 2 of the floor boards 1. The floor boards 1 are provided with ~~notch-shaped~~ grooves 94 4 in all four edges 2. The grooves 94 4 are each intended to receive one of the lips 11 of the joining profile 10. The lips 11 are provided with gripping hooks 16. The floor can be made snap-joinable by providing the grooves 94 4 with a undercut 46 (fig. 7b-c) and by providing the lips with matching hooks 16 (fig 7b-c). In order to make the joint dismountable, which can be advantageous even if the floor elements are to be glued, the grooves are provided with a support 42 (fig. 7b) for the middle section 12 of the joining profile 10. The middle section 12 can alternatively be provided with a support 42' (fig. 7c). Such a floor element 1 is then dismounted by lifting it slightly along the free edge 2, whereby the hook will be disengaged from the undercut 46. The simplest way to achieve such undercuts 46 are through broaching or laser cutting . The floor elements 1 may alternatively be joined a more shallow

undercut 47 (fig. 7d) which can be achieved with traditional methods such as milling. The embodiments shown in fig. 7a-d do all give a minimum of cutting and lost material during manufacturing. The joining profiles 10 used in the embodiments shown in fig. 7a-d are also manufactured in extended lengths or rolls which are cut to the desired length in connection to the installation of the floor. The joining profiles 10 and/or the floor elements 1 may, of course, be coated with glue or adhesive double-faced tape.